

Dayton, Oregon  
Nov. 14th

Dear Vicki & Jim,

Greetings from the Sunshine State-!! Oregon, I mean!! It is really a gorgeous day-There are plenty of autumn leaves around to make it bright colorful yet-I love this time of year when it's nice-Reminds me of Virginia! We have a few reprints of pictures we took there and I'm sending you a couple or so-they're at home right now so I don't actually know which ones they are-So I'll mail this later in the day. By the way, did you run across that film we think we left there??

I trust that Jim's home and that the test went well out at San Diego-Did he miss voting? What a landslide for Nixon! Or should we say what a huge vote against McGovern?? Jerry voted for the first time-Before he was overseas -in Hawaii, I guess, anyway he didn't vote-And Ken voted in Portland for his first time-Nowadays kids can vote at 18, of course-

Jerry's been helping dad out at Charlie Evers this week and last-they're converting one of the huge turkey barns into a brooder building-fixing it for insulation, etc-at first, they weren't getting along too well but are doing better all the time-He thinks he may drive the studebaker to Calif. when he goes-I hope it makes it! He works on it all the time so perhaps it will be in good enough shape to squeak through-I hope-He may go next week as he wants to see the friend whom he left his Buick with before he leaves to go back home and of course to get the Buick, too-I don't know how long he will stay down there and neither does he at this time-the trip will help him decide just what he's going to be doing in the near-ish future- His things arrived from overseas last week-a steric (sp?) outfit, speakers, tape deck, guitar, etc-and he has them set up in the family room temporarily-the sound is super-Now if he just had a home for all those things!

Grandpa came home from the convalescent home the day we got back-and is doing fairly well-his medication helps him sleep better and be more manageable during the day, too-He walks some with help but doesn't read or listen to radio or TV much- just sits a lot-poor dear-Francie has someone come in several afternoons a week so she can get out a bit-Marilyn and Ralph were out Sunday and we visited with them out there for quite awhile-Ralph had a bad experience in Bend the last time he was over there on his route-Did I tell you of it on the phone? I don't think so-Anyway, he tripped over some snow tires he had in the back of his van when he

was taking some merchandise out the side door-He fell on one elbow and the back and side of his poor head-got a concussion and spent the night in a hospital there-He was able to drive home the next day, which was Friday, fortunately, so had the weekend to recuperate-He was still noticing some of the effects on Sunday but was much better-

Ken was home for the weekend and it seemed almost like old times with four of us around the table-He will be done with fall term by the end of this week, I think, and then will be working during vacation-He's surely been fortunate to have worked so much during his college "career"-or else couldn't have made it at I&C.!

I see that it's nearly noon and Ned will be back so I'd better sign off and finish up my work-My cold is still hanging on a bit but is much better at last-

Write soon and tell us what's happening with you two-

Much love,

Mom & all.

P.S. Addressing this envelope brought your house and street and Frederickburg back into sharp focus - Now we can better visualize your comings and goings - Thanks again for the lovely visit!



Manhattan, Kansas

Oct. 1972

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Jerry

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Barbara

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